Functioning of Song and Drama Division in Srinagar

1905. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of Song and Drama Division located at Residency Road in Srinagar had stopped functioning as most of the staff had been posted away due to abnormal conditions there;

(b) the steps Government are taking to restore its normal functioning;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for day-to-day (sanction of funds the office has to approach the counterpart office in Ludhiana; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The song and Drama Division office is functional.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Mobilizing People through Electronic Media

1906. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy of mobilizing the people in the country by making best use of electronic media, like television, for creating a sense of unity amongst them and thereby ushering an era of lasting peace in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any specific policy for Assam and North-Eastern Region in view of the extremist activities and secessionist movement presently going on there; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what concrete steps have been taken in this direction during the last three years?